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SUBJ. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY (NIS) (U)

1. (C) BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS HAVE PROMPTED CIA TO PROPOSE A REDUCTION IN SCOPE OF THE NIS PROGRAM. THIS REDUCTION, INTENDED TO BE EFFECTED IN FY 73, WOULD ELIMINATE ALL NIS ELEMENTS EXCEPT THE FACTBOOK AND GENERAL SURVEY.
2. (C) A SERIES OF CHANGES IN THE GENERAL SURVEY HAVE BEEN INITIATED, BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL SURVEY OF ALGERIA, PUBLISHED IN JUNE 1971. ADDITIONAL CHANGES CONTEMPLATED ARE: PUBLICATION IN A BOUND-BY-CHAPTER FORMAT, THE ADDITION OF A NEW FIRST CHAPTER ENTITLED "COUNTRY PROFILE," AND POSSIBLY, EXPANSION OF SOME CHAPTERS TO INCORPORATE ESSENTIAL DATA PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE DETAILED CHAPTERS. GENERAL SURVEY CHAPTERS WILL BE: COUNTRY PROFILE, SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, THE ECONOMY, SCIENTIFIC, TERRAIN, TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND ARMED FORCES. COUNTRY PROFILE IS INTENDED FOR QUICK ORIENTATION AND COMPREHENSION OF HIGH LEVEL READER AND WILL COVER HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, ECONOMY, DEFENSE, AND CHRONOLOGY.

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